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KEEPING CONGRESS AT WORK.

Keeping Congress in session is rather easier than keeping it at work, as the House management is discovering. The House has been without a quorum, and the Senate Committee on Banking has decided to extend the time for hearings on the currency legislation, pending which the Senate marks time. The result of insistence on continuous session is observable in a very bad state of mind, rapidly getting no better, among men of all parties. It is beginning to be exceedingly doubtful whether in the end anything of either haste or quality in legislative accomplishment will have been gained by the policy of keeping a tired, nervous, and exasperated Congress in continuous session.

THE GREAT "MATTY."

With all regard and recognition for Baker, Collins, Bender, and the rest of the heroes made for a day and perhaps to be unmade in another, it must be said that Mathewson's performance of yesterday wins the highest honors of the world's series to date. Not only did the fine old veteran win his game from the box, but he won it again with the stick, in an overtime inning. He came back in his old-time championship form and gave one more proof of what can be accomplished by character, good habits, and brains in maintaining athletic form and effectiveness.

It is no disparagement of our own Walter Johnson to say that "Matty" is yet the national pet among the great pitchers. A vote would have shown that a very great majority of followers of the game wanted "Matty" to win because he was "Matty." And he did.

Youth will be served, and our own Johnson has youth on his side. He will be acclaimed and applauded when "Matty" is a reminiscence. But today it is "the great 'Matty,'" wearing quite the most neatly tailored and perfectly fitting halo thus far accumulated by any of the gladiators of the diamond in this season's games.

ANOTHER REPUDIATION COMING?

President Wilson was quoted as declaring that members of his party declining to support him are not Democrats, but rebels. Thereupon he wrote to a newspaper editor a very flat denial and insisted that it be published with prominence. It was, of course, in accordance with the general newspaper rule of correcting such injustices whenever they are pointed out.

But in another paper yesterday the President is indirectly quoted as making statements that inspire inquiry whether he will insist on another correction. Discussing his attitude toward the currency legislation, this paragraph was set down:

He [the President] wants it thoroughly understood that he does not seek or expect Republican support for the bill, and that he is willing to stake his future and that of his party on the legislation.

It is hard to believe the President has quite justified such a statement of his attitude. There is something peculiarly narrow in the partisanship of such an attitude that does not comport with the character of Woodrow Wilson. Surely the Administration has no thought that currency is necessarily or properly a party issue. There is nothing in platforms or pledges to make it that. There is no line of party division on it so sharp as this statement would suggest. It is assuredly not the purpose to pass a currency measure that will be good for Democrats, but not good for Republicans. Moreover, deliberately to force a partisan line-up on a question that is not and has not been partisan, would seem the poorest possible way to get a satisfactory and permanent settlement.

The currency legislation which shall pass will have a far better chance for a fair trial and an unbiased verdict if it is not made a party measure. This later attribution of sentiment to the President seems quite as much to need repudiation as did the earlier one.

SULZER DEFENSE'S COLLAPSE.

Governor Sulzer's defense, in the public mind, consists of the broad, general statement of the facts about Tammany control of politics in New York; Tammany's methods of making State business the source of great profits for contractor-politicians; Tammany's system of coupling the city hall and the State capital together and running both from and in the interests of the Fourteenth street wigwag.

All this is not literally a defense of the governor against the specific charges that have been made against him, despite that it all makes a powerful sentimental appeal which advantages him in his position as the under dog. Tammany would not have exposed the wrong-doings of Sulzer if Sulzer had served Tammany as it expects a Democratic governor to do; but Tammany's motive in making the exposure does not right the wrongs that a weak and vacillating governor did commit.

Just one important witness was put on the stand by the governor. He was Louis A. Sarecky, a young man who undertook to assume all responsibility for the management of the governor's campaign fund, the failure to report many contributions, and other details. With just this record of the devoted friendship of one follower, the governor rests his case. Sulzer will not take the stand, because the court has declined to permit him to deliver, as a witness, his story of the methods by which Tammany sought to dominate, then to overawe, then to ruin him. Doubtless this is an amazing enough story. Probably the telling of it in the sensational fashion that the governor would have told it would have added to the measure of public sympathy for the man ground be-

tween the upper and the nether millstones. But there is, after all, a vast difference between sympathy and a verdict of innocence. Sulzer has the one in plenty; he can hardly hope ever to attain the other.

ADMINISTERING THE SCHOOLS.

One of the cheerful impossibilities about the government of the District of Columbia may be observed in the school administration. The District Commissioners control the physical property, buy sites for school buildings, erect the buildings thereon, conduct negotiations with Congress for the appropriations with which to do the business, control the hiring of janitors, the fiscal relations with teachers here, the buying of supplies, etc. On the other hand, the Board of Education takes the plant and establishment handed to it by the Board of Commissioners, and is expected to run the educational end of the business.

The Board of Education is appointed by the judges of the Supreme Court of the District. The Board of Commissioners is appointed by the President.

Thus there is no unity of responsibility, no common denominator of authority, for the two bodies. The division of powers and responsibilities is such as could not possibly fail to drive harmony and economy off the premises. Considering how bad is the system, the educational results have been remarkably good. It is to the credit of both boards, and a testimony to their forbearance and good sense, that this much can be said.

For two days recently the Commissioners have been in session with the Board of Education, on the business of preparing the educational section of the District estimates of the coming year. The Commissioners might have gone ahead and done the work without conference with the school authorities, but they preferred otherwise. They have taken the position that, at least, it is the duty of all concerned to make the best possible out of a bad situation and system, and so have announced the policy of co-operation and thorough understanding with the Board of Education.

In a very large proportion of American jurisdictions, the school board is an independent taxing body. It makes its budget, decides on its needs, figures out the millage of taxes needed to produce the required amount, and then levies its tax, independent of the city or county or other taxing authorities.

That system probably goes too far to the other extreme. There ought to be some central authority over the business of levying taxes. But the school authority should not be quite so many removes from command of necessary funds, as it is here. It should not be dependent on the Commissioners to estimate, the Congressional committees to indorse, the Congress to legislate. That is too long a string to be pulled. A Commissioner or Superintendent of Education, chosen by and answerable to the District Commission, through whom the District Commission would more directly conduct the schools, would seem a better form of organization.

That, however, is impossible at present. So long as the existing anomalous division of authority is continued by the law, the board and the commission are right in keeping close together and reaching thorough understanding as to what they want to do and what they need to do it with.

REALLY NOW, WHY NOT?

When the primitive idea comes our way—the idea that to broaden woman's interests will lessen her womanly character—we feel like crying "Please help the blind!"

To diversify interests is to bring a broadening influence to bear upon the mind. No instance has been found of a man having deteriorated, or grown less manly, because he became more enlightened; none of a woman having lost in intelligent womanliness because she attained a broader, or more cultured, point of view. Of course, if she happens to be interested in civic reform, she may lose a taste for tating, but probably she will know more about cooking, and her family will reap the benefits in better hygienic conditions. If the world's status is elevated only as the world advances in enlightenment, why is not the same applicable to members of the race?

The mother who studies eugenics and teaches its science to her daughter, or the girl who studies eugenics and realizes that its principle controls the direction of her future life, is in no danger of lowering or weakening the character of womanhood or the status of society.

AGAIN THE FOOL AVIATOR.

If the press report of the accident at Bath, N. Y., recently in which one girl was killed and another probably fatally injured by a flying machine, is correct, the aviator should be indicted and made to stand trial for manslaughter. Here is an account of the happening:

Among the spectators were the Misses Hildreth, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hildreth, of New York, and their escorts, Lieutenants Bellinger and Richardson. In order to have an unobstructed view of the flight, the party of four climbed to the top of the small building used as headquarters for the aviation corps.

Beachey had been in the air only a few minutes, and was still engaged in testing out his machine, when he noticed the party on the building waving to him. As he passed over the roof he returned the salute by dipping his aeroplane, clearing the heads of the party by a few feet only. Then he circled about the field, and flying back, attempted a second salute.

This time the act of courtesy led to disaster. The aeroplane was directly above the aviation building, when something went wrong. The machine dipped dangerously and one of the planes swept all four of the spectators from the roof to the ground, nearly forty feet below.

Paul Hildreth was killed instantly, her head striking against an automobile and her brains being dashed out. Dorothy Hildreth in falling was impaled on the point of an iron tent stake, her chest being crushed in and an arm and leg broken.

The public has scant patience with many of the foolhardy "stunts" of aviators whose only purpose is to cause a thrill and increase their value as drawing cards. It might tend to decrease the tragedies incident to aviation if some of them that are so unnecessary as that at Bath were followed up by a grand jury.

THIS & THAT

With Sometimes a Little of the Other

WITH APOLOGIES.

A dozen, nay, a score of times,
To aid colonization,
We have writ light and giddy
rhymes
When sans an inspiration.

But it is not an honest scheme,
Nor one to honor fitted;
This writing stuff without a
theme—
It shouldn't be permitted.

We shall not write another one,
And true invention smother.

Still, when so many have been done,
What matters it another?

A canvass of those who think the currency bill will not be passed by the Senate reveals that 93 per cent of them expect T. R. to head the Republican ticket in '16, and slightly over one-half are loud in their belief that the world's series is fixed.

You Flatter Us.

Sir: Seriously, now—world's seriously, to be exact—if I wasn't a perfect lady I would like to ask you what the Sam Hill is a "nevertheless notion?" Is it the perhaps emanation from a nevermore brain?

SUE DE NYM.

"You charge him with being a lobbyist?"
"Sure."
"And why?"
"He didn't agree with me on the question that was under consideration. He was on the other side."
"Is that your definition of a lobbyist?"
"Of course."—Cleveland "Plain Dealer."

Welcome home!—even though via Pulitzer's mug and Senator Luke Lea's office. And even in so mildewed a form as above.

And as we further comprehend the political game, which is barely, by minority member is meant a bad loser who is forever Raising Points.

The Longest Five Minutes.

A. L.: "Being measured for a suit while standing in the open doorway of a tailor's shop."

Cosmic series or sand lot, the hardest thing in the world to read is a straight lining-by-inning and play-by-play story of a ball game.

ESCUENT ZEROS.

In speaking—and we are again—Of culinary booth,
We wish especially to mention aquabus.

The Government edict against the installation of roller towels in public or semi-public places is old stuff to this office, which has been observing it this long time. We scarcely can remember when the last towel was installed.

THEM HATS.

I own to some queer deviations;
I know that I've plenty of faults;
I'm keen for the modern gyrations,
Instead of the old-fashioned walks;
I'm fond of reversible neckties;
I'm said to be rather a boor—
But I solemnly swear that I never shall wear
The hat that is known as 'velour.'

One time, under great provocation,
I ventured a bit of a lie;
I'm known among folks of my station
As rather a desperate guy.
No doubt I'm as tough as they make 'em;
But one thing is perfectly sure:
Till my senses are gone I shall never put on
The hat that is known as 'velour.'

CLIFFORD T. MYNDOTT.

Axiom 1 disproven: The bankers do not like the money bill; we do not like the bankers; ergo we like the money bill.—Q. E. D.

FAMILIAR PHRASES.

Drizzling rain.

Our concept of continuity is the phraseology thing, beside the advance of which our sternest resolve for termination fades into nothingness. The end is now in sight, however, the Roman numerals being about at the point where our knowledge of them ceases.

World's Serials.

Dovile: "The breaks were against us."
Collins: "The Giants had the breaks."
Meyers: "Bender fooled us."
Doyle: "We hit Bender freely."

E. E. D.

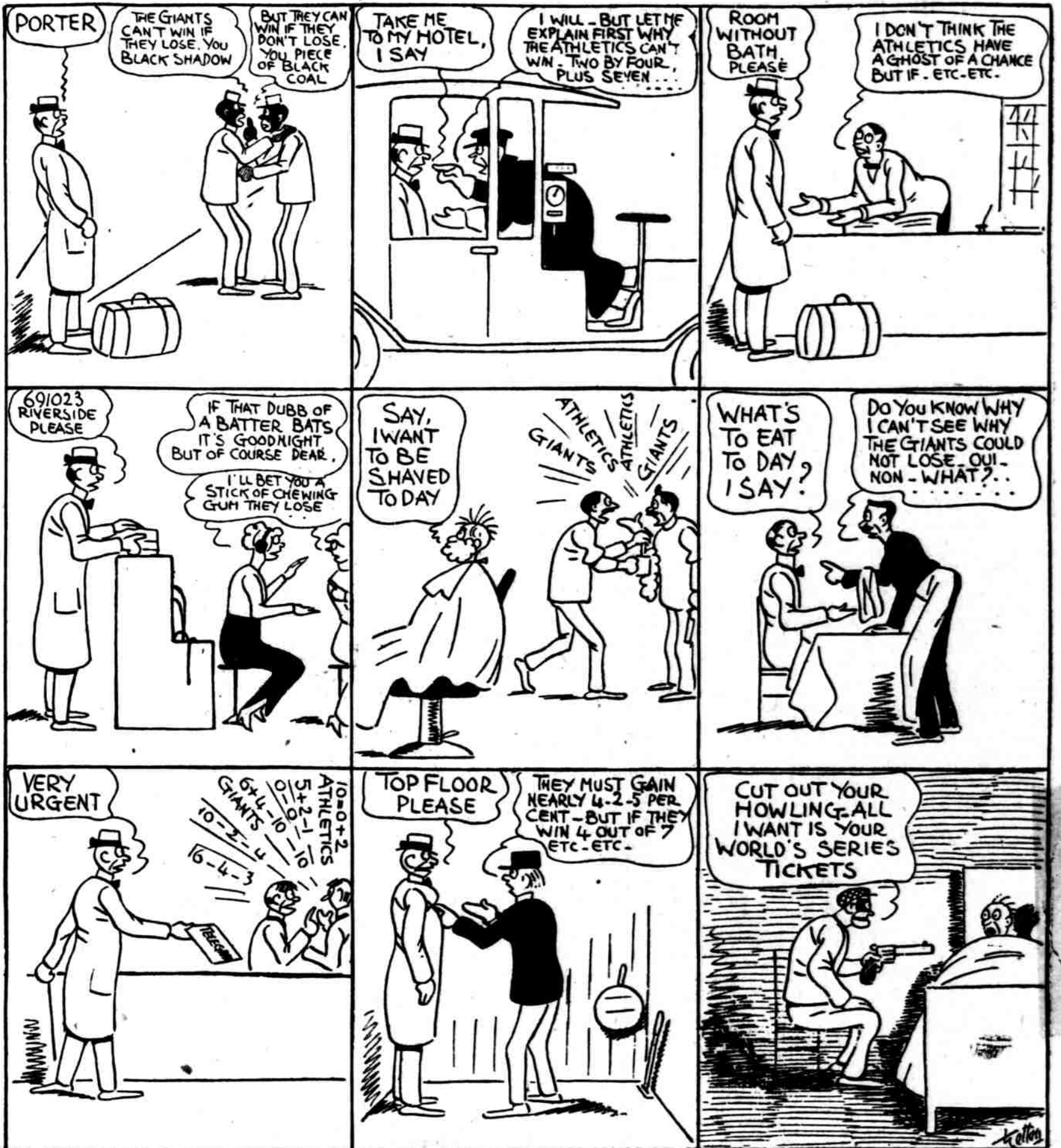
Another thing that this col. falls just short of comprehending is why the man who invented parcel post zones should be given a reward.

"Just suppose," B. R. G. wishes to, "that you had two last paragraph ideas on one day. Then what?"

Such a supposition, but we have no idea is exceedingly doubtful, he is improbable. [some way out of it.]

O. R. K.

CAN YOU BEAT IT? By MAURICE KETTEN



Optimettes

The Sunshine's Still on the Job,
Whatever the Clouds May Say.
By CLARENCE L. CULLEN.

WE KNOW A Lot of Fellows, who, even when their "Going-Going" Call was Echoing, refused to be "Gone!"

Going Over our Card Index, we find that Every Time we Permitted ourselves to be "Talked Out Of" Anything We Made a Blunder!

The Man who Really IS in the Ditch never Proclaims that Fact—It's Only the Hysterical Bad Loser who does that!

It's the Battle with Temptation that Makes Mental Muscle!

Anybody can, and Most of us do, Endure the Little Miseries—but Hats Off to the Fellow who Comes Unbeaten through the Big Misfortune!

The Fellow who Never has Nailed his Colors to the Mast can't Guess how much Satisfaction and Horse-Power that Stunt Develops!

The Whole Art of Losing Friends consists in Leaving Upon Them!

We can Still Go Ahead if the Good and Evil in us Figure as Well as Fifty-Fifty—and those are About the Usual Figures!

The Up-to-Date Rolling Stone usually has an Ace in the Hole!

If you Can't Boost for your Friends there's Always the Weather to Talk About!

The Husband of whom his Wife says that he is "So Helpless" generally is a Carefully-Balanced Combination of Calculation and Indolence!

When a man of Forty or Fifty begins to Talk Gloomily about how he is Showing Up, that's Exactly what he Proceeds to Do!

Hits From Sharp Wits.

Point, fashion arbiter in extraordinary ways, a man should select neckties that match his soul, in which case a lot of chaps would have to grow whiskers to use in lieu of ties.

A scientist says it does one good to laugh at the misdeeds of others, but we respectfully submit that care should be exercised in the selection of the subject.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

A North Carolina man 122 years of age has been refused a license to marry, probably on the ground that he is old enough to know better.—Toledo Blade.

It would be foolish for Ulster to fight the entire Irish empire, but that may be one reason why Ulster is likely to do it.

Hazers at West Point can get no comfort and help from Secretary Garrison, who has written to say that he has no sympathy with whining cadets. The Secretary is a fighter and he expects every man at West Point to be one, too.

A woman is disposed to question a man's assurances of love and fidelity, but she is nevertheless willing to take the fortune teller's word for it.

Sayings of MRS SOLOMON- BEING THE CONFESSIONS OF THE HUNDRETH WIFE TRANSLATED BY HELEN ROWLAND.

LAN, my daughter, my head is covered with ashes and my mouth is filled with apologies!

For, behold, at last have I discovered the REASON for a Bachelor and a USE for every one of them!

Lo, long have I cried out against them and taunted and reviled them, saying:

"Ye are but sentimental muleks, which should be exterminated! Ye are but seaweed on the tide of life! Ye are but 'pinch-hitters' in the love-game! Verily, ye are more useless than the Park Squirrel, which eateth out of a damsel's hand but can never be CAUGHT!"

Yea, in my wisdom I have come to see that a Bachelor existeth for this reason:

THAT HE MAY FLATTER OTHER MEN'S WIVES! For what woman can hope that a man who payeth her bills will likewise pay her compliments?

But the BACHELOR who boasteth himself upon no woman is free to bestow his attentions and his praises upon all women.

Thus doth he go about scattering sweetness and light. Thus doth he rescue their vanity from starvation.

Thus doth he fulfil a MISSION! For lo, one man shall drop his shekels into thine hands, and another shall drop the sugar into thy tea.

One man shall fasten thy bows with sighs and mutterings, but another shall fasten thy shoe-strings with delight.

One man shall carry thy burdens, but another shall carry thy parasol. One man shall serve as the host at thy dinner table, but another shall serve as its decoration.

One man shall wait FOR thee, with scowls and complainings, but another shall wait UPON thee, with cheerfulness and alacrity.

One man shall call thee his "RIDE," but another shall call thee his "inspiration."

Then give the Bachelor the fruit of his labors and let his works praise him.

Verily, verily he is the trimming on the garments of SOCIETY, the potted palm of life's piazza, the hors d'oeuvre of the love feast.

And what would life BE without such little "LUXURIES"? Selah!

When Woman Is the Pursuer By Sophie Irene Loeb

There is something in the make-up of man that makes him unable to stand a woman being the pursuer where he is concerned," said a man of experience the other day.

Bernard Shaw might have corrected him with: "But she is the pursuer all the time."

"Ah, yes," answered the man, "but she makes the mistake if she shows it to please. Of course all in a perfectly polite way."

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